

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 04 December 2001
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Golden Boy Video 33
Other Known Titles: New Golden Boys 33
Director: Not Stated
Producer: Not Stated
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: Germany
Language: German

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Golden Boy Video 33	Running time:	26.41
Trailers:	Gero Gay Video Notice	Running time:	0.26
	Gero Gay Video Notice		4.02
		Total running time:	31.09

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Golden Boy Video 33*, also known as *New Golden Boys 33*, is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is due to the manner in which the video recording deals with matters of sex, specifically that it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The video recording explicitly depicts teenage males engaging in sexual activity. Some of the males have a "boyish" physical appearance and demeanour indicating they are around 15 years old. Other males have a more mature physical appearance but they still tend to present as young persons. The title and a notice advertising other sexually explicit recordings (some also featuring sexual activity between teenage males) make references to "boys" and "boy lovers", which further encourages an interpretation of the males as being young persons.

The depictions of boys engaging in sex are intended for adult viewer sexual arousal and help to legitimise the notion that sexual activity with young persons is acceptable. The video recording tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes by encouraging the viewer to be sexually aroused by young persons and implicitly presents young persons as sexually desirable and readily available as viable and legitimate sexual partners.

The video recording meets criteria under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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